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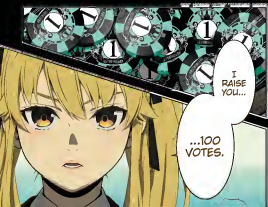
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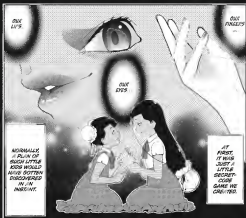
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KAKIGURU

(Compulsive Gamble)

CHAPTER FORTY-TWO: TUNED-IN GIRLS
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ONE
EYE.

ONE
FINGER.

ONE
TOE.

NORMALLY,
A PLAN OF
SUCH LITTLE
EYES WOULD
HAVE GOTTEN
DISCOVERED
IN AN
INSTANT.

AT
FIRST,
IT WAS
JUST A
LITTLE
SECRET-
GARDEN
GAME WE
CREATED.



AS SOON
AS WE
WERE, THE
WAS OUR
ONLY WAY
TO SPEAK
HONESTLY.

IF
WE WERE
FOUND
OUT, IT'D
BE A
DISASTER.



AFTER
THAT,
THE
GAME
WAS NO
LONGER
A
GAME.



BUT
OUR
FAMILY
SPLIT
INTO
TWO...

...AND
WE WERE
GIVEN
DIFFERENT
ALIASES.



*THERE'S NO
WAY ANYONE
COULD SPOT
THE LINK WE
HAVE.*

*IT
FORMS THE
VERY BOND
BETWEEN
US.*



REVEALING
HIS OWN
CARDS..

...AND NOT A
SINGLE ZERO
EITHER NOW
NEAR.



...HUN,
MYST

TALK
ABOUT
A HUGE
BLUNDER ...



YES...





I JUST
BRING THE
FILE'S TOTAL
VALUE TO NINE
IN MY TURN,
AND SOJUN IS
POOMED.

TOTAL

9

OUT

...IT'S
CLEAR
WHAT WE
NEED TO
WIN THIS
HAND.



CAN
YOU
FIND
ONE
IT AS
REPEATED
HAND?

I CAN
START BIG
WITH A
THREE...

...BUT
I HAVE A
BETTER
IDEA.



THAT
CAN
WORK, FOR...

THAT STARTS
THE PLAY'S VALUE
AT THREE, OF
COURSE.

THE
FIRST
CARD
IS A
THREE!

NEXT UP,
GUESS-
KUN!

...WAIT
NOW...?

IF I
WANT TO
LIGHTEN MY
HAND, AS
MUCH AS
POSSIBLE...

I CAN
EITHER
PLAY A
ONE OR
A TWO.

SUZU.

...A TWO
MIGHT BE
THE —

**PLAY
A
ONE.**

...DO
YOU
CAN
NOT
THIS.

**DO
EXACTLY
WHAT
I
TELL
YOU...**

**JUST
DO
IT.**

**HUNT
WHY
...?**



THAT'S
WHY SHE
HAD YOU
REVEAL
YOUR
HAND.

WELL...
OHAYO...

NOT TO
TRY...

...SO
SHE CAN
SECURE
VICTORY
FOR
HERSELF.

SAOTOME-
SAN'S
JUST USING
YOU AS A
SACRIFICE...

...BUT,
SUTSU-
SAN...

...ARE
YOU
SURE
ABOUT
THAT?

IF YOU
LOSE
THIS
GAME...

AND LET ME
REMINI
YOU,
JUST IN CASE
YOU FORGOT.



...
YOU'RE
GOING
TO DIE,
ALL
RIGHT?



...WELL

HOW
ABOUT
THIS,
THEN?



TWO
DOSES,
ACTUALLY.
ONE FOR
YOU, ONE
FOR
YUMEKO-
SAN.

IF YOU
IGNORE
SAOTOME-
SAN'S
INSTRUC-
TIONS,
I'LL GIVE
YOU THE
SERUM
FOR
FREE.



WHA...!?



...YUMIKO'S
AS GOOD AS
SAVED.

IF YOU
HAD THIS
SERUM...

YOU'RE RISKING
YOUR LIFE TO SAVE
YUMIKO-SAMA'S.
YEST?



...A
"NECESSARY"
BETRAYAL.
YEST.

YOU
MAY
CALL
IT...

THERE'S
HARDLY
ANYTHING FOR
YOU TO FRET
ABOUT.



NO NEED
TO LET THAT
CONCERN OVER
THERE WHEEDLE
YOU.



THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ANY NEED TO
RISK YOUR
NECK IN THIS
MATCH.









THAT
KINDA
TAKING...

THAT'S
NOT
ANY
FUN!

IT GOES
AGAINST
WHAT
WE
WANT!

IT
GOES
AGAINST
WHAT
YUMEKO
WANTS!



**THE
SECOND
CARD'S
A ONE!**

**THAT
LEAVES
THE
POT AT
FOUR!**

...WELL,
SO BE
IT.

THEY'VE
TRAINED
YOU WELL,
HARRY?

HOP-
LESS.



LET ME
INFORM
YOU OF
SOMETHING,
THEN...

THE
WEAK,
YOU
SEE, ARE
DOOMED
TO BE
EXPLOITED
RIGHT UP
TO THEIR
DEATHS.



WE'RE
ALMOST
IN THE
DANGER
ZONE!

THE
PILE'S
AT SIX
NOW!

THE
THIRD
CARD'S
A TWO!

I PREFER
NOT TO PICK
POUCH OFF
FOR GOOD
OFFICIAL

THE TURN
DRIFT KEEPS
SAOTOME FROM
LOSING THIS
TIME, NO?

YOO

...NOT
A TWO?

...IS IF
SAOTOME
PLAYS
A TWO
INSTEAD.

THE
ONLY WAY
TO AVOID
THAT...



or



TOTAL
6

TO SAOTOME,
THOUGH, PLAYING A
THREE WOULD SEEM
THE BEST WAY TO
KEEP YOU IN CHECK.





RIGHT,
THAT...

AND...



IN OTHER
WORDS,
HE'S
NOT
THIS...

...I
THINK



GO
AHEAD,
SAO-
TOME-
SAN.

IT'S
YOUR
TURN
NOW.

WHO'S THE
WEAK ONE
HERE?

...THE
HEE!

THE
WEAK,
INDEED.



LIFE,
ABOUT
BEING
"EXPLOITED?"

DID
YOU
JUST
SAY
SOME-
THING?





**IT IS
WHY THE
WEAK ARE
DOOMED
TO AN
ETERNITY
OF
EXPLOITA-
TION.**

**THAT
IS THE
STRONG
VERSUS
THE
WEAK.**

**THE
VERY WAY
OF ALL
LIFE!**

**THAT IS
HOW THE
WORLD
WORKS.**

**...YOU'RE
WRONG
ON ONE
COUNT.**

BUT...

**THE
WEAK ARE
EXPLOITED**

**IT'S NOT
ABOUT
BEING GOOD
OR BAD—
THE WORLD
JUST KEEPS
SPINNING.**

**...
MAYBE
SO.**



THIS IS
HYAKKAOU
ACADEMY!

...ARE
YOU
GUYS!

AND
IN THIS
SCHOOL
...

...THE
WEAK
ONES...





WELL
WOULDN'T
IT BE?



WORKS
OUT OF
ZEROS.

IF THE
GAME'S
STILL
ALIVE
ON HER
TURN,
SHE'S



DID
SAYOTOME
HAVE A
ZERO ALL
ALONG HER



MARY-
CHAN,
YOU'RE
UP
NEXT!



AND A
NON-ZERO
ENDS THE
GAME NOW!



OF
COURSE
I HAD A
ZERO!

I TOLD
YOU,
YOU'RE
THE WEAK
ONES
AROUND
HERE!

WIK...



...NO.

DO
YOU
HAVE
A
ZERO?
IF YOU
DON'T,
YOU
LOSER!



NEXT
UP IS
MIL-
CHANI

CARD
RIGHT IS
A ZERO!
THE PILE'S
STILL AT
NINE!



...WILL YOU
PAY WITH
THE SERUM
INSTEAD?

AND SINCE
I KNOW
YOU DON'T
HAVE THE
VOTES...

THAT
ENDS
ROUND
TWO!

MR.
KOURAMI
OWES THE
WINNERS
99 VOTES
BACK!

「ム
ラッ」

BUT
THAT'S
NOT
ALL, IS
IT?

RIGHT!
I'LL
TREAT
THAT
AS 100
VOTES
TOTAL,
THAT!

THIS
IS

...THIS
IS IT





YOU
CAN'T JUST
EAT FOUR
CHIPS IN
THE MIDDLE
OF THE
GAME.

UNTIL
THIS IS
OVER...



...I
CAN'T
LET YOU
USE THAT
SERUM!

That's a
taboo
cheat,
right?



NO
WAY...



"NIM TYPE
ZERO"
HAS THREE
ROUNDS,
REMEMBER?



LET'S
TEACH
SADOTOME
A LESSON
BEFORE
THEN...

ENOUGH
TIME TO
FINISH THIS
GAME.

IT'LL
TAKE A
WHILE
FOR THE
POISON
TO WORK.

...TEACH
HER
WHAT
DEATH
TASTES
LIKE.



GO
RIGHT



**HERE
COMES
THE
DEAL!**

**RIGHT!
ROUND
THREE!**



**KEEP
YOUR
HEADS
UP,
GUYS!**

**LIKE I
SAID
BEFORE
...
...THIS
WILL
BE THE
FINAL
ROUND!**

WE'LL
BE ONE
SHORT
IF THAT
HAPPENS.

...BUT IF
EITHER OF
US LOSES
THIS THIRD
ROUND...



POISON



POISON

...WE'LL LOSE
ONE SYRINGE,
AND ONE OF US
WILL WIND UP
POISONED.



I'LL
USE A
NEW
DECK
AGAIN,
OF
COURSE.



...POT-
TAIN



DRAFT

WELL,
SAYTONE AND
I MANAGED
TO EARN THE
BERUM...









T-TEN
THOU-
SAND!?

NYA-
HA-HA-
HA-
HA-HA-
HAH!



OH,
IT'S
SO
OKAY!



IS
THAT
OK
DEAR?

THIS WHOLE
SCHOOL HAS
ONLY THREE
THOUSAND
STUDENTS!



...BUT
THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU CAN PAY
BACK TEN
THOUSAND.

NORMALLY
I'D GARNER
WHATEVER
VOTES YOU
EARN...



THAT'S
HOW IT
WORKS,
RIGHT?

NO LIMIT,
ONLY TO
GO INTO
DEBT...



**...IS
OFFICIALLY
OUT OF THE
STUDENT
COUNCIL
ELECTION!**

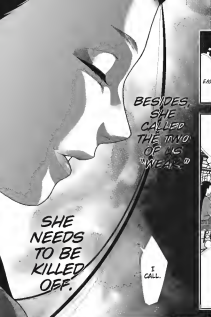
**SO!
WHOEVER
LOSES
THIS FINAL
ROUND...**

**SHE WANTS
US TO FOLD.**

**SHE
JUST
WANTS
TO MAKE
SURE
SHE
KEEPS
IT.**

**NOW THAT
THEY HAVE THE
SERUM, THERE'S
NO REASON TO
FIGHT.**





**SHE
NEEDS
TO BE
KILLED
OFF.**

**BESIDES,
SHE
CALLED
THE TIVO
OF US
"WEAK."**

**I
CALL**



**HOW
ABOUT?**

EASY.



**IT'S ALL A
BLUFF ON
HER PART.**

**IF SHE
HAD ANY
PRECEDENT HAND,
SHE'D HAVE MET
A LEGITIMATE
NUMBER OF
VOTES**





...CLANGGG.



WHAT...?

OMIGOD!
THE POT'S
AT TEN
THOUSAND!

I
CALL.

HE
TOLD

...!/?

...PLAY
A TWO. SUZU...

WHY
CAN
SHE
EVEN
LOOK
LIKE
THAT?

THE
PILE
STARTS
AT
TWO!

BUT
NOT
ANY
MORE.

THREE

SADOME
SUBMITTED
TO OUR
FORCE, LET
HERSELF
FALL INTO A
GAME WITH
TERRIBLE
ODDS...

SO IT'S...

SHE'S A
QUIVERING
PATHEM
WEAKLING

THIS
IS
LIKE

...NOT A
BLUFF?



THAT
CAN'T
BE!

NO
MATTER
HOW STRONG
SAGHORN'S
HAND IS...

...SAGHORN'S
HASN'T
ANYTHING
THAT
SPECIAL.

CARD
THREE
IS A
TWO!

...ONLY
THE
STRONG
COULD
LET OUT
A GRIN
LIKE
THAT.

THEY
SHOULD BE
TEETERING ON
THE BRINK
RIGHT
NOW...!

THE
POT
STANDS
AT
SEVEN!



WE
COULD'VE
HAD A
CHANCE IF I
HAD A TWO,
BUT...



...THE
ONLY
WEAKLINGS
HERE...
ARE
YOU.

Is this a knowledge power?

KAKIGURU

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